

SPRING DRIVES, EAST AND WEST

BULLETINS

CZAR SPEEDS 600,000 MEN TO CARPATHIANS AS ALLIES

Fresh Troops, Held Back for Spring Campaign, Rushed to Front to Shatter Teuton Defenses of Hungary Big Guns Ready at Lemberg for Resumed Offensive.

British Hurl Germans Back for Three Miles Near Ypres and Repulse Counter-attacks With Fearful Loss to Kaiser's Troops—Advance of French Army Toward Rhine River Through Alsace Continues With Unabated Vigor—Berlin Reports Success in Vosges.

With the hurrying of 600,000 Slav reserves into the battle for Carpathian mastery and the pressure of the Allies at Ypres and in Alsace augmented by activity of "Kitchener's million," the spring campaign in the great war is on in earnest.

The czar's cohorts are speeding to the Carpathian front to smash through the gateways into Hungary, where half a million fresh German troops await their onset. Giant guns are concentrated at Lemberg ready for the new invasion of Hungary.

Russian forces on the Hungarian side of the Carpathians are maintaining their hold at Mezo Laborez and Bartfeld, south of the Dukla Pass. This grip on Hungarian soil furnishes a base for a rear drive on the defenders of other passes.

The Teuton offensive, launched lately in the Stryp Valley, for defense of the bitterly contested Uzak Pass and as a menace to Lemberg continues, it is admitted by Petrograd, but recent sharp assaults have been repulsed.

German activity in North Poland, in the Sувалки sector, indicates Hindenburg's launching of a movement to divert Muscovite forces from the Carpathian front. The Petrograd War Office expects a drive on Mariampol.

Simultaneous drives by the British to the south of Ypres and by the French through Alsace towards the Rhine River, both of which have resulted in decided gains of great importance for the Allies, are being pushed with increasing momentum. At the same time the French are maintaining artillery duels at other points so as to prevent the withdrawal of German troops from the center to reinforce the hard-pressed wings.

A gain of three miles south of Ypres was made by the British, who repulsed German counter-attacks with terrific losses to the attackers. Further progress was made by the French in Alsace, who forced the Germans to retire from several positions beyond Metzeral.

The Germans officially report the repulse of French attacks at two points in the Vosges.

RESERVES RUSHED TO SMASH FOE'S CARPATHIAN DEFENSE

PETROGRAD, April 20.—Six hundred thousand new Russian troops, who had been held back from the front until they could be given adequate equipment and training, are now being rushed to the Carpathian front. The difficulties of the Carpathian campaign have rendered reinforcements necessary in that region.

Some of the troops now in the mountain ranges have been under fire eight months.

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THE WEATHER



Summer awakened yesterday, rubbed its face, and had things all its own way for most of the day. It's been warm, quite warm, before this, but spring has been the offender; most of the effect being derived from the contrast of high temperatures in comparison with a low winter average. But when the mercury climbs up over the 80-degree mark, it's real, genuine summer beyond the peradventure of a doubt.

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and cooler tonight and Wednesday; moderate north winds. For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia 8 A. M. Barometer 29.79 Temperature 62.00 Wind North-Northwest 12.00

On the Pacific Coast San Francisco... Weather, cloudy; temp., 58. High, 62. Low, 54. Wind, light S.W. San Diego... Weather, cloudy; temp., 58. High, 62. Low, 54. Wind, light S.W.

Almanac of the Day 9:43 a.m. Sun sets 7:14 p.m. High water tomorrow 12:47 a.m.

Lamps to Be Lighted Autos and other vehicles 7:00 p. m.

The Tides PORT RICHMOND. High water 6:19 a.m. Low water 1:17 a.m. High water tomorrow 6:38 a.m. Chesnut Street Wharf. High water 6:26 a.m. Low water 1:24 a.m. High water tomorrow 6:29 a.m.

REDDY ISLAND. High water 6:23 a.m. Low water 1:21 a.m. High water tomorrow 6:35 a.m. High water tomorrow 6:35 a.m.

HOUSE PASSES BILL TO TRIM POWERS OF SERVICE BOARD

Would Curtail Jurisdiction Over Municipal Public Utilities. WASHINGTON, April 20.—The House today, by a vote of 155 to 27, passed the Vickers bill that materially reduces the power of the Public Service Commission. The measure came up on special order on third reading at the opening of today's session, and was fought out for more than two hours before a vote finally was taken.

The measure would take away from the commission all jurisdiction over municipal public utilities and leave it to supervisory only (railroads, telephone and telegraph companies). The House also passed the Steele bill, requiring municipalities that contemplate owning their own utilities to purchase the plants of the private companies that previously had been supplying the municipal utility. The vote on this measure was 155 to 27.

The Stern Parkway bill also was passed by the House. SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 20.—"Prove your charges," was the name of battle thrown down today by William Barnes to ex-President Roosevelt accepting Roosevelt's defense of "justification" in Barnes' \$50,000 libel suit versus the former President. Barnes' defense was all submitted and the plaintiff's case rested just before 11 o'clock.

'PROVE YOUR CHARGES,' BARNES' CHALLENGE TO COL. ROOSEVELT

Libel Suit Put Quickly Under Way and Plaintiff's Case Closed With Brief Testimony Following Arraignment by Counsel.

Indications Point to Disclosure of Political Secrets When Evidence Is Presented in Suit for \$50,000 Damages—Defendant in Belligerent Mood.

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ITALY READY TO HURL GREAT ARMY, MASSES ON BORDER, AT AUSTRIA

320,000 Veterans of Tripolitan Campaign Eagerly Await Signal to Launch War Against Dual Monarchy.

General Belief Throughout Both Nations That Hostilities Can No Longer Be Averted—Peace Party in Rome Abandons Hope.

ON THE ITALIAN FRONTIER, VIA PARIS, April 20.—Fervent military preparations are proceeding along the entire Austro-Italian frontier. Eight Italian corps are massed south of the frontier ready for the call to action. These 320,000 soldiers are first-

RUSSIAN SHARPSHOOTERS FIRE FROM SAFE POSITION



The picture shows rifle pits in which marksmen lie prostrate on their backs well down behind the protecting earth. They pull the trigger with the thumb. The range and firing angle are given to them by an officer. Thus they avoid exposure.

CIRCUS LURES YOUNGSTERS FROM BOOKS TO PARK

Who Cares for School When Elephants Come to Town? "Ooo-oo! Skin-ny! Can'tcha c'mover! Let's watch the circus!" This cry is resounding in the neighborhood of Hunting Park avenue and 19th street, where the big tents of Barnum & Bailey's circus are lolling in the gentle breeze. Truant officers in Nicetown and Tiana are matching double-quick, with eyes and ears alert, for the smell of the circus has proved overpowering for the small boys. They are helpless under its spell. Books and pencils are forgotten. The boys are there by the score, watching, watching, watching. Nothing escapes their eyes as the 200 circus "razor-backs" under "Happy Jack" Stollen, work their magic with the vacant lot, transforming it from a rather commonplace green field into a fairland of crackling canvas, peanute, colored flags, gaudy wagons and familiar, yet gorgeous, beasts.

FOUR IN AUTO CRASH

"But I Wasn't One of Them," E. A. Devlin Declares. Four Philadelphians, riding in a Ford automobile, were injured today when the car crashed into a telegraph pole on the White Horse pike. According to a dispatch received here today from East Hartford, N. J., the injured men were Charles Fontaine, of 127 South Broad street, owner and driver of the car, whose right leg was fractured; former Magistrate E. A. Devlin, stopping at the Continental Hotel; a physician named Southern, and a fourth man whose name was not obtainable. The car was demolished. Devlin, organization power in the 8th ward, emphatically denied over the telephone that he had been in an automobile accident.

CAROTHERS REPORTS VILLA WILL REORGANIZE TROOPS

Advices Also Confirm Carranza Victory at Celaya. WASHINGTON, April 20.—Special Agent Carothers today reported to the State Department from Aguascalientes that General Villa intended to reorganize his forces at that point. Fourteen trains of troops have arrived from Irapuato. The railroad tracks over which these trains passed have been destroyed. Secretary Bryan said his advices had confirmed Villa's defeat at Celaya, but he had no definite report as to its extent, and knew nothing about the reported Huerta revolt.

Another Intaglio

section will be issued as a part of Thursday's EVENING LEDGER, if rain does not prevent the opening of the National League season on that day. In this supplement will be shown photographs of the new manager, Moran, and all the individual Phillies.

Phillies Tell your newsdealer to save your copy of Thursday's Evening Ledger One Cent

JEWELER HELD UP BY BANDITS AND ROBBED

David Hillerson Compelled to Surrender Gold, Gems and Cash in Store. Two men who had surveyed the premises by a ruse four days ago followed Israel Hillerson, a jeweler, up a flight of stairs into his brother's shop at 709 Sanson street, when he came to work this morning and robbed him of \$300 in gold and gems and \$100 in cash. Then they tried to get him to open the safe, and, failing, fled down the stairs when he reached for a telephone and called for the police.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED FOR THE ROCK ISLAND

Jacob M. Dickinson and H. U. Mudge Named by Federal Judge Carpenter. CHICAGO, April 20.—Jacob M. Dickinson, formerly Secretary of War, and H. U. Mudge, president of the Rock Island, today were appointed receivers for the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company, on petition of the American Steel Foundries Company. Federal Judge Carpenter, who heard the petition, fixed the bonds of the receivers at \$100,000 each.

FIELDER VETOS GRADE CROSSING BILL

TRENTON, N. J., April 20.—Contending that there is now a law on the statute books adequate for the needs of the municipalities on this subject, Governor Fielder today sent to the Senate his veto of the Pierce grade-crossing bill.

SALOONS MUST CLOSE ALL DAY APRIL 23

Orders were issued to the Police Department this afternoon to notify all saloonkeepers in the city that saloons and schenckle liquor stores must be closed the day of the special election, April 23, when the \$2,000,000 transit loan will be submitted to the voters. The closing hours, as provided by law, are from midnight April 22 to midnight April 23.

WIDOW SUES FOR \$500,000; GETS \$30,000

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Mrs. Ida McNabb, 37, of Escanaba, Mich., won a \$50,000 breach of promise verdict today against John S. Kinney, 75, of the same State. Mrs. McNabb, a widow, sued for \$500,000.

AUSTRIA MAKES AMENDS FOR FRONTIER CLASH

BERLIN, April 20.—Austria has made amends to Italy for a recent frontier incident involving Italian guards and Austrian customs officials. Several customs officials stepped on Italian territory as they walked along the frontier. Though the incident was regarded as unimportant, the Austrian government apologized when the matter was called to its attention and disciplined the offending officials.

VILLA'S SUN SETTING, WASHINGTON BELIEVES

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The end of the reign in Mexico of General Francisco Villa is in sight, according to the general belief in official circles today. Consular dispatches to the State Department have confirmed the Carranza reports of a great victory by General Obregon at Celaya. They also have told of a Villa retreat northward. Military experts are of the opinion that Villa, with the remnant of his forces, is making for the American border.

RHEUMATISM KILLS FOUR-YEAR SUFFERER

Relief from the pain of rheumatism, from which he suffered for four years, has come to Jacob Sox, 23 years old, 306 Fairmount avenue. He was found dead in a chair beside his window today. Unable to sleep last night, he got up from his bed and sat beside the open window to try to forget his pain. He was found this morning by Bernard Rosenblatt, of the same address. The body was taken to the Roosevelt Hospital in the 33rd street and Fairmount avenue patrol and later to the Morgue. The physicians said that rheumatism caused death.

BARNES CALLS ROOSEVELT AS WITNESS

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 20.—Colonel Roosevelt this afternoon took the witness stand as a witness for Barnes. He was unexpectedly called by Barnes' lawyers to prove that he had malice against Barnes in making the libel charges.

VOTE FOR NEW YORK CENTRAL BOND ISSUE

ALBANY, N. Y., April 20.—By the vote of 1,707,384 to 135 shares the stockholders of the New York Central Railroad at their meeting today approved of the resolution authorizing the issuance of \$100,000,000 of 20-year 6 per cent. convertible debenture bonds, which will increase the capacity from \$300,000,000 to \$400,000,000.

RECEIVER NAMED FOR LUMBER COMPANY

Judge Thompson, in United States District Court, this afternoon appointed John O. Sheatz, former State Treasurer, receiver for the International Lumber and Development Company. Bond was fixed at \$40,000. The company is the reorganized International Lumber Company, four officials of which began prison sentences April 10 for swindling the public of nearly \$6,000,000.

BRITISH LIFT CONTRABAND EDICT ON COTTON

LONDON, April 20.—Foreign Minister Sir Edward Grey officially announced in Parliament today that raw cotton has been excluded from the list of contraband of war.

AGREE ON BOSTON AND MAINE REORGANIZATION

BOSTON, April 20.—The Committee on Railroads has agreed on a Boston and Maine Railroad reorganization bill.

MERCHANT FIRST HEAT VICTIM OF YEAR

The first heat prostration of the season occurred at noon today, when Charles W. Kirk, 58 years old, of 692 McCullum street, was overcome at the corner of 8th and Chestnut streets. The temperature recorded at the Federal Building at 2 o'clock this afternoon was 84 degrees, the highest temperature for April 20 on record at the Philadelphia Weather Bureau. Forecaster Bliss expects that the temperature may rise this afternoon to 86 degrees.

SWISS PROTEST AGAINST COTTON BLOCKADE

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Switzerland today protested to the United States against the action of the Allies in stopping at Gibraltar cargoes of cotton bound for Switzerland. Dr. Paul Ritter, Minister from Switzerland, laid before Secretary of State Bryan evidence that neutral shipments of cotton, going from the United States to Italian ports for delivery to purchasers in Switzerland, are being seized by the Allied fleet at the gate of the Mediterranean.

ASK RECEIVER FOR ROCK ISLAND

CHICAGO, April 20.—The American Steel Foundries Company today filed a petition in the Federal Court for the appointment of a receiver for the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company.

PRESIDENT WILSON PASSES THROUGH CITY

President Wilson passed through this city today on his way to attend the dinner of the Associated Press in New York city. The President stayed in his berth and, according to several members of the party accompanying him, was asleep. Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels stepped out on the platform of the private car as it stopped for a short time in the West Philadelphia Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The train to which the car was attached arrived at 11:01 this morning and pulled out for New York a few moments later.

PRESIDENT AND DANIELS IN NEW YORK

New York, April 20.—President Wilson, accompanied by Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Secretary Tamm, arrived in New York at 1:10 o'clock this afternoon. He at once went to the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, where he will deliver an address at the banquet of the Associated Press.

ILLINOIS CITIES VOTING ON LIQUOR QUESTION

CHICAGO, April 20.—Twenty-two Illinois cities, towns and villages today are voting on the question of abolishing saloons. The women voters were admitted to be the big factor in the election. A year ago, when the women of Illinois first exercised their right to vote on the wet and dry issue, 1000 saloons were put out of existence.

DETECTIVE TUCKER SUFFERS RELAPSE

Detective Harry E. Tucker, who was shot by "Doggie" Miller when that young desperado murdered Detective Mansel, is in a critical condition at the Episcopal Hospital. He had a bad night, and the members of his family were called to his bedside this morning.

Confesses to Stealing Auto

ATLANTIC CITY, April 20.—Pleading guilty to the theft of an automobile owned by Jacob Frank, a Boardwalk merchant, Norman Eckert, a clerk, whose home is in Wilmington, Del., was committed to jail in default of \$1500 bail. Eckert said he had no actual intention of stealing the machine when he jumped into the front seat. He was caught in Camden.

The Kensingtonian Says:

Tom Devlin, the sweet-toothed tenant of the La Salle Club, was seen out at Eighth and York streets last Sunday morning, wearing a case and a large bouquet of sweet peas.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Diamond set for sale, platinum setting, 22 diamonds, probably at Broad Street Station about 11:15 p. m. April 19. Suitable reward. Advice 1206 Real Estate Trust Building.

Other classified advertisements on P.